

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N. BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
01-03-11

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

REORGANIZATION

The first order of business was reorganization of the Board. Commissioner Francis made a motion to appoint Commissioner Boyer as Chairman of the Commissioners. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Faust and passed 2-0-1abstain (Commissioner Boyer).

Commissioner Francis made a motion to appoint Commissioner Faust to Vice-Chairman. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 2-0-1abstain (Commissioner Faust).

The Commissioners will serve on the following Boards:

Commissioner Francis	Commissioner Faust	Commissioner Boyer
9-1-1	LEPC	Planning Commission
Solid Waste	Solid Waste	Solid Waste
Workforce Development	EMA	MCEDA
Cemetery Board	Historical Society	Wabash River Heritage
Chamber of Commerce	Dukes Health Care	
	Animal Control	

QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANIMAL CONTROL

April Miller came before the Board with questions regarding the duties of the Animal Control. Ms. Miller operates a rescue and took some stray animals to the facility and was turned away and told the shelter was full. She feels that not taking owner surrendered dogs is a problem. Ms. Miller was also concerned that Kulla’s has a dog boarding business along with the facility for Animal Control and the possibility of sick animals. Commissioner Faust said the contract with Kulla is for 9-1-1 calls about stray animals running loose. Accepting owner surrendered dogs would be up to her.

Ms. Miller also questioned who was in charge of compliance with the dog tags and who would levy fines. She said she would have no problem enforcing those issues. The County has a contract with Kulla and she has a subcontractor that takes care of that.

ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

Commissioner Francis made a motion to appoint Commissioner Faust to the Animal Control Board. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INSURANCE ISSUE

Gary Mock, Mock Insurance, came before the Board with some concerns regarding the newspaper article from last weeks BOC meeting. He was upset because the article said there was a savings between his bid and the bid from Webster in the amount of \$15,000. The actual amount was more like \$2,000. Mr. Mock also wanted to know what better service Webster could offer that he didn’t. Commissioner Faust stated that he had an independent, retired insurance person review the policies and in his opinion Webster provided the best service at the best price.

Commissioner Boyer thanked Mr. Mock for his service the last 2 years.

9-1-1

Carol Harbison, 9-1-1 Director, informed the Board that the Center appeared not to have sustained any damage during the earthquake but her office was a mess from things falling off of shelves. She also mentioned that she needs to speak with EMA about notifying the Center of those kinds of things since they handle all of the calls. Mrs. Harbison said Mr. Marks was very good to work with and she did not anticipate any problems.

WAGNER BILL

The Board received a bill from Wagner for batteries. After some discussion it was determined that they were for the new jail and the Board instructed the Auditor to send the bill out to the jail.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, updated the Board on car repairs and discussed placement of grain bin extractors applied for through grants.

WABASH RIVER HERITAGE COMMISSION

Commissioner Faust made a motion to reappoint Kenneth Einselen, Highway Engineer, to the Commission. Commissioner Boyer will serve from the Board of Commissioners.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, spoke to the Board regarding sign issues. Mr. Waltz asked about moving the dog pound signs from the previous location to the new location. The Board agreed.

It was agreed that a sign with an arrow for the new jail would be placed below the sign for the 4-H fairgrounds.

Commissioner Faust asked Mr. Waltz to check about a “school bus stop ahead” sign on dean mans curve (N of 800).

Mr. Waltz will check into locking in a fuel price to include as many departments as possible).

SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT

Mike Rogers, Chief Deputy, came before the Board to introduce himself and let them know he has been appointed to the position of Chief Deputy by Sheriff Tim Miller.

MINUTES

Commissioner Faust made a motion to accept the minutes and Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-0-1 abstain (Francis).

CLAIMS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to pay the claims. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd, MCEDA, informed the Board that he received a grant from NIPSCO.

Mr. Tidd will set up an informational meeting for the new Commissioner and the Auditor.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Faust made a motion to retain Patrick Roberts as attorney for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BUSINESS 31 SIGNS

Debbie Bowsher came before the Board to ask if it was possible to have better signs for the Business 31 project. When they start working on the road again, the signs for the detour need to be bigger and more visible.

CHAMBER DUES

Commissioner Faust made a motion to pay the Chamber dues. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ENCUMBRANCE

Commissioner Faust made a motion to encumber the money for the purchase of equipment. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ **Auditor**
Jane Lilley